## PIRIT DE FORMER TIMES STIRS FITZ

e-time Champion Eager to Show He Is Still a Fighter.

50-MILE

listory of Rise and Decline of Famous Heavy Reads Like Book.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

AN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 .- Many rises are sprung in connection with ism from time to time, but the that the lure of the ropes and ed platform has unsettled veteran Fitzsimmons comes pretty near to g the premier sensation of the year The pity of it is that Fitzsimmons

s to be terribly in earnest about it. his plea to be given a chance to what he can do, he does not say he is as good as ever, or even adce the argument that he feels he has good fight left in him.

simply reasons that the present heavies are a bunch of incapables begs for an opportunity to show he is not undervaluing them.

bat causes me to lay special stress. Fitzsimmena's earnestness in this Fitzsimmona's earnestness in this nection is the fact that while other tempts' among the big fellows a spoken from time to time of get-back in the game, they always thened and made denials when they things they said in print. This thing of feeling an iteh to tread boards again after years of retireties a disease and it disappears years.

t is a disease and it disappears very kly when the fellow afflicted with ses that he has become a mark of osity to the public and a mark of cule for the critics. f you don't believe me, ask Jim fries, Tom Sbarkey and a few

Genuine Veteran.

z Genuine Veteran.
Sitzsimmons is, with one exception, oldest ex-champion of the world in tivity, his senior being John L. Sulm. Bob has passed the half-century it and, recalling his earlier exploits, in America, smacks of looking it into another life.

The writer saw him in his first bout this country. That was when he inped Billy McCarty at the Calimia club, San Francisco, about enty-three years ago, I saw him win middleweight championship from the Dempsey at New Orleans and the avyweight championship from Im first at Carson. I saw him lose his avyweight title to Jeffries and I whim in the return match in San Incisco. I saw him box Gus Ruhlin Madison Square, and even at that he it was thirteen years ago—I nomadison Square, and even at that each twas thirteen years ago—I nod how bunglingly he splashed und in the opening round. He went k to his corner and said to George wson, who was behind him. "I don't we what's the matter. I seem to have gotten all I knew."

den all I knew.

ou'll be better when you get

ed up.'' said Dawson encourag
and sure enough Bob improved

by round until he laid Ruhlin

ith his famous shift in the sixth.

whim two weeks later with Tan saw him two weeks later with Tom rkey at Coney Island. That time profited by his previous experience did his warming up in his dress-room before entering the ring, From before entering the ring, Sharkey lasted about a round and

remember that Bob, flushed with ckoned vigorously to Jim Jeffries to lease up and be challenged, but Jim leftly laughed and shook his head.

### nish in Australia.

After another few years I saw Bob After another few years I saw Bob sp twenty spiritless rounds with orge Gardner in Sau Francisco, and id to myself right then: "My, what lamentable falling away."

Two years later—it was in 1905—I w Pitzsimmons slide from his chair a state of coma after completing dittern rounds with Jack O'Brien, and open read to me then the it was I had

coursed to me then that it would be sood thing if there were a law de-ting pugilists from following their ation when they were manifestly on down grade.
thas been the writer's lot to wit

such fights.

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One was when Peter Jackson crumdd in front of Jim Jeffries and anher when Frank Slavin, one of the
st rugged and effective fighters of
day, lurched and recled this way
d that under the influence of punches
ministered by Joe Butler, a negro
A. Weight. weight, of the saddest thing I saw in that

was merely a photograph of such a Erb me in faraway Australia. It de-ded Bob Fitzsiumons flat on his back the strong glare of the antipodean belis features as strongly marked those of a dead Indian on a bier— d over him the form of Bill Lange, man who has been licked by the ray, and bob tail of fistians the world wind.

isenot to reason with a man who is etermined as Fitzsimmons and who ats to the fact that he is prepared bet thousands of dollars that he is

#### RACK STARS INVITED TO ENTER CONTESTS

the "metropolitan 600-yard run" will a feature of the annual indoor games the Pastime Athletic club, which will held at the Seventy-first regiment for, New York on January 17.

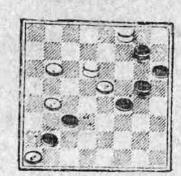
anes E. (Ted) Meredith of the Unity of Pennsylvania. Tom Halpin of Boaton Athletic association: Melvin poard and Abel R. Kivist of the Irishestican Athletic club, have been interested in the Compete. The advisory comittee of the Pastime club, consisting of mes E. Sullivan, John McInerney and dopb Arnold has avranged an intering programme for the annual games. The growth of the control of the cont

## Checkers



ment of a game

always moves first. Charlers and cliens headquarters, Y. M. C. A. Plate and First South streets. rounications to D. A. Fluraly, No. 4 Concord



Black-12, 19, 22, 25; kings, 5, 18, White-2, 16, 17, 30; kings, 2, 16; Black to play and win, A little early for the Fourth of July, and of us onloy a dazzling fireworks display

you were expecting a curve or a spitter, don't be afraid to give the other fellow credit for fast thinking.

Those in the tourney will find this game of in-terest, because it is the first game lost by City Champion Burron, who is playing good, hard

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b—Weaker.
e-Bad.
d—No draw after this.
e-Keyworth overlooked 3-7, which would have precipitated the win.

GAME 63-DENNY.

Black—G D. Barton. White—F. A. Keyworth.
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Drawn.

a-11-15 wins here. Quick play caused Keyworth to overlook the easy win.

For once the veteran, Shaw, held the editor a bit too cheaply, played for a bice shot too long, sacrificed a piece to break through to the crown-head and play for position, fought desperately to the bitter end, but finally had to acknowledge defeat.

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	GAME 64	-DOUBLE		
Hack	-Henry Sha	w. White	te-D. A. 1	Plumly.
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22	25-26	21-17	10-24	26-3
15	9-5	22-26	2-6	27-3
18	7-11	5-6	24-19	15-1
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21	11-18	6-2	19-24	22-1
16	23-14	31-26	17-14	21-1
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18	20-26	5-1	28-24	15-1
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13	8-11	6-10	26-33	24-1
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20-25 31-38 27-31 10-14 21-18 27-31 s-10-15 clinches the win. b-Throwing it into third position.

THE CITY TOURNEY.

THE CHAT TOURNEY.

The feature of the week's play has been the improved playing of Libby and Patrick, and Barton's moving up into third place, shoving Erbinio fourth. City Champion Burton, annoyed by the toa close approach of Keyworth, the first man to win the series from him, let out a link and widened the gap between first and second places. The following is the present standing:

Checker Notes.

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The Chicago Bally News is Jubilant over the roay prospects of holding the next national tourney at Chicago, publishes a long list of subscriptions to the guaranty fund, and explains Pittsburg wanted the fourney held too room to suit the executive committee of the A. C. A. Dr. Schaefer, in the Newark Call, in rather skeptical about the fourner being held in Chicago and is inclined to believe it will again be held at Codar Point. Although personally we are in favor of Chicago, it seems too had that Pittsburg alls not get at least a courteous refusal of her liberal guaranty. It seems that "All?" Jordan now realizes the shauffly of his "match" with M. E. Pomerov on the "go-se-You-please," style, and claims it was finished when he was the swenty-sixth rame, the "match" being originally for twenty rames, but if a its, then play was to continue until one or the other was ahead at the end of even games. The Newark Call gives him a gentle "panning," which was well deserved.

We are just in receipt of Fart V (10-14 "Denny" and sill regiles) of the excellent "Encyclopedia" to players. It is well printed has numerous diagrams of critical positions, and the annotations of grams of critical positions, and the annotations of the English experts. Kear and J. Alexader, make it Indispensable to the student and expert allies.

#### COMISKEY WOULD LEAD SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

CHICAGO. Jan. 10.—Charles Comiskey reace, handicap: 1006-yard run, handitwo-mile walk, handicap, and two-bicycle race, handica

## DESERET GYMNASIUM SWIMMERS WHO ARE IN TRAINING FOR APRIL TOURNAMENT



#### CATFISH BILL KLEM'S PARTICULAR AVERSION

mers have been coming rapidly to the front. Some of the boys who learned

their strokes in local gymnasium pools

have gained remarkable proficiency in the

At the Deseret gymnasium extraordi-

nary interest is shown in swimming. The

occasion for the unwonted enthusiasm is the championship competition which will be held next April. Instructor Welch is making great preparations for the forth-

coming tournament. He is conducting

monthly handicaps, which are proving a

great help to the swimmers. The next handicap will be held on January 21. Some of the boys at the gymnasium

have already made enviable reputations.

H. Eugene Glenn-100 and 440 yards champion. Won 100 in April, 1913, in 1

minute, 12 2-5 seconds. Won 440 in Oc-

Jude Burton-Fast short distance swimmer, who intends to make it inter-

esting in the 100-yard championship swim

tober, 1913, in 6 minutes, 57 2-5 seconds. Hugh Gray-Won 100-yard champion

the more prominent swimmers:

healthful sport.

ship in 1912.

National Umpire Detests Word, but Reason for Antipathy Remains Deep Mystery.

of 1914.

Allen Groesbeck—Swam fourth in the
440 yards championship event in 1912.

Ray Taylor—Was second in the diving
championship in 1912 and hopes to win
first honors this season.

Munn Cannon—Was second in the 220
yards championship in April, 1912 and
third in the 440 yards event in October,
1912. Bill snarled:

"Hey, you two—the clubhouse for you," and then looking at the rest of the men on the bench with a cold, fishy eye, Bill said:

"You fellows keep that talk up another minute and you'll go to the clubhouse, too."

Star Twirlers of Occident and Orient

Left, Captain Sugase, pitcher par excellence of the Keio university nine; right, Jim Scott, White Sox heaver.

Have Become Warmest of Friends

## WAGNER WAS NOT FAST **ENOUGH FOR STALLINGS**

Boston's Present Leader Once Passed Up Great Shortstop Against Friend's Advice.

Deep Mystery.

One of the mysteries of baseball is, "Why does Bill Kiem, National league umpire, object to being called cattlish." Bill never has vouchsafed an answer, but the fact remains that it's almost as much as a civilian's life is worth to mention the word "catfish" with Bill in the neighborhood, while as for a ball player, gell—Last summer in New York, a member of the visiting team, after Klem had made a decision against him, looked in the general direction of Klem and murmed something about "catfish," Klem whirled around, pointed his finger at the player, and reared:

"You to the clubhouse!"

This irritated the teammates of the chased player. So they set about heckling Bill. In their dug-out they began a conversation in which one faction declared it was very fond of catfish, and the other said that catfish weren't fit to eat. Louder and louder grew the catfish argument untill it reached Klem's ears. At once he halted the game, walked over toward the bench, glaring at two of the players who just them were debating loudly on the catfish question. Bill snarled:

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The Wagner referred to was the peer-test the Boston Braves, hears the name of Honus Wagner, the great Pirate shortstop, the said George almost weeps. Something like twenty years ago, George then manager of a major league team, faced up a deal whereby he was to have the pick, at the end of the season, of any man on the Paterson, N. J. team. At the talf-end of the season, of any man on the Paterson, N. J. team. Stillings Geded to take an infielder named Heldrick, a graceful, Ethe-limbed athlete.

"I don't want to fictate your choice," Stillings took one look at the clumsy, awkward person named Wagner and Sigled.

"Say, that guy is too clumsy even to mind the bats," said Stallings, "all right, Mr. Stellings," said the Paterson manager. "Just

ow." The Wagner referred to was the peer-

# TOURING BALL CLUBS

Visit of Giants and White 1913

Sox to Tokio Momentous

Event.

HAT the visit of the big leaguers to Japan proved a success, both from a financial viewpoint as well as from a sporting angle, is proved by the Japanese papers which are arriving in this country. The parsusing English are filled with pictures the world's tourists and a complete x score follows the account of each me. Furthermore, every writer speaks the great eventual formula for as from a sporting angle, is proved by the Japanese papers which are now arriving in this country. The pa-pers using English are filled with pictures of the world's tourists and a complete box score follows the account of each

of the world's tourists and a complete box score follows the account of each game. Furthermore, every writer speaks of the great example furnished the Japanese players by the Americans.

The total attendance of the three games was 18,000, and in each instance the Kieo university playing field was filled, hundreds being compelled to stand up, and so near to the outfielders that they interfered with the playing. The admission prices ran up to 3 yen, or \$1.50 in American money, this being considered a high figure for a sporting event in Japan. The Tokio Times remarks that "it is a mathematical puzzle to imagine how great a crowd would have made a rush to the ball park had not the admission charges aviated up to the \$3.90 averages in the Julies worries while the was the Naps beat him out of he lagine than wagner; sevents that "it is a mathematical puzzle to imagine how great a crowd would have made a rush to the ball park had not the admission charges aviated up to the \$3.90 averages age in the big league is about the admission charges aviated up to the \$3.90 averages the Naps beat him out of the \$3.00 class in Julies worries while the was laked the name of the name of the name of the matter than a sonly four 300 averages is now twenty-nine years of the name of the sent eleven years to the three the act eleven years to the three the time and he must better the the ext eleven years to the then to tend the name of the sonly four 300 averages is now twenty-nine years of the Naps beat him out of the Naps beat him out of the Naps beat him out of the same was 150. Has conditioned the sonly four 300 averages to him the park that they interfered with the player and they interfered to stand they interfered the to the sonly four 300 averages to him the Naps beat him out of the Naps beat him out of the same them the target and the mass only four 300 averages to him the player and the

On Saturday afternoon 5000 saw the Sox defeat the Glants, and on Sunday afternoon 6000 witnessed the second game between the touring teams. The Sunday morning game was played in chilly weather, but it was warm in the afternoon

#### Japanese Impressed.

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The teams seem to move like clockwork. Each signal is exactly followed, and the umpire's decision is obeyed silently. It is this system of arbitration that the ball players of the country must note and develop, so that further friction in International baseball games may be averted. The speed and alacrity of the base stealing, too, was a revelation to the Japanese. It was especially interesting to watch the peeriess Manager McGraw signaling to his men by his attitude, and to see the strict discipline of his players. Callahan's men seemed to work the stick with better results. The fans did not so with any particular interest as to who would win, but rather to study the action of the world-renowned players. What impressed the fans was the style of the players, the umpiring and the details of carrying out an A-1 match. It was a pity that the field did not afford a greater sphere of action to the outfielders, so as to exhibit their real worth; but, nevertheless, one was impressed with the idea that the major league players are everything their name significs. The Dally Mail of Tokio sald:

The appearance on the Kelo varsity grounds at Milts of the great American players ehelted loud plaudits from the grandstand, which was thickly packed with enthusiastic fans. Despite the fact that the players stood on the diamond a few hours after landing, the game was well-nigh the acme of perfection. The players worked with precision and alacrity almost superluman. The team work was simply perfect. Each and every member of the teams was the a part to a well-regulated machine.

#### Is a Revelation.

The Yokohama Gazette had the fol-

The games played have been a revenition to those who had not witnessed anything of the sort before Everything seemed in favor of the travelers—fine weather, large crowd, and much entertainment. Saturday's game was a great source of amusement and study for

# WAGNER BATS .300 SEVENTEEN SEASONS

Wonderful Record Has Been Established by Pirates' Famous Shortstop.

CHANCE FOR OTHERS

Bare Possibility That Cobb. Collins and Jackson May Equal German's Mark.

Fronus Wagner, mighty shugger of the career, but what a glorious sunset! The tough old Teutonic bird is making it very hard for coming generations. By pum-meling the pill for a .324 mark in 1912 lonus smashed Cap Anson's classic rec ord of fifteen straight . 200 averages.

However, Wagner was not satisfied other notch had season. It was a parrow cural for the Fixing Deschman, out by just crashing under the 100 ropes he san his record up to ascenteen consecutive years in the 200 class of two better than the best previous record.

Can the German by another tap around the old 200 track? He will be forty-pears old in February, and at forty a log-chall performer is no longer a spring chicken. The difference of one hit would have knowled the phenomenal German out of the 200 class last season.

Best of Close Ones.

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Nobod begrudges Hones his seventeen 300 average, but he was persaps the only player who could have received a 350 outside years who could have received a 350 outside in other words, his decase ye oved just a little artificial respiration. This does not meen that there was an ingeling with Wagner's flaures, but whether to give Hones a hit or a fielder, an error was any doubt as to whether to give Hones a hit or a fielder, an error wagner always woo.

However, there is sentiment in hase wall be same as in any other business. When Wagner is at but and gets on first that a fumble by Fletcher you just find yourself marking down a hit. You mutter to your comrade next to you. That was a pretty hard chance for Fletch; I guess it was a hit for the old boy, all right. He will, of course, agree with you ard you are convinced it was a hit, though if Doth Miller had bit the hall Fletche would have received an error.

Wagner's record since coming into the big league follows:

What Honus Has Done.

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Jackson Has Chance.

Jackson also has a chance, but he has only four 300 averages to his credit. Speaker can be safely counted out, as he is now twenty-nine years old, and has only five 300 averages behind him. Larry Lajote's worries while he was manager of the Naps beat him out of his chance to put in a bid for the record. Larry toppeled out of the 300 class in 1907 and 1908. However, his eighteen-year average in the big league is about ten points higher than Wagner's seventeen-year average is also higher than Wagner's seventeen-year average is also higher than Wagner's hough the great Cap fell out of the 300 class after a fifteen-year membership. However, like Lajote, Anson would not stay out, and after two years with the common 290 hord he was back in swell society again.

A wonderful ball player is Wagner, but how long will his glory last after pop Time finally pins his shoulders to the mat? They started to get after him in Pittaburg last year just because he was in a batting slump. He falled to make a hit in an entire series with the Glants, and the fans panned him. They asked the man who batted 300 or better for seventeen consecutive seasons, "Who ever told you that you could bat?" They told Fred Clarke, "Take out that hasbeen and put somebody at short who can hit."

How long will it be, dear fans, before someone shouts at the Polo Grounds. "Hey, Matty! Who ever told you that you were a pitcher?" and implore MeGraw, "Take that hasbeen out and put in somebody who can pitch?"

They all get it. Can you blame them for grabbing all they can while the going is good?

the large crowd that witnessed it. It was full of humor, actence and incidents that were really new to the multitude. Manager McGraw treated the fans to a great exhibition of shadow baseball before the game. Shadow baseball consists of going through all the motions of a regular practice without using a ball. The antics of the players brought roars of laughter from the crowd. There is no doubt but what the Japanese have learned a very valuable leason from this game. If they watched closely the game put up by the Americans.

Like a Cyclone

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Like a cyclone the big men of America came and went, creating a whirlwind of semation. What did they do? Well, ask the fans; they know it. And also ask those people living down in the Mita rand, and they will give complete statistics of windows smaaled, houses damaged and dogs in the street hit by flying balls. They worked more wonders and showed more true ball olaying than the Japanese fans could see. The cyclosk visit of the American stars has after memory in the sporting history Japan-besides those mementor some houses in the neighborhed the Keio grounds. And fortunate the Keio team, which was get practical suggestion as from such basebull brains. McGraw and Jim Callahap.

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